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SUBJ: DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ISSUED JULY 9

1. AT THE REGULAR STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING ON MONDAY, JULY 9, THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED.

 2. BEGIN QUOTE. ON JULY 6, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC ISSUED A SIGNIFICANT DECLARATION WHICH SETS FORTH A MAJOR INITIATIVE FOR PEACE IN CAMBODIA. THE STATEMENT CALLS FOR THE RECONVENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL COMMISSION, URGES RESPECT FOR ARTICLE 20 OF THE VIETNAM AGREEMENT AND OFFERS TO NAME A DELEGATION TO MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF THE "OTHER SIDE" WITH A VIEW TOWARDS NEGOTIATING AN EARLY CEASE-FIRE AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION. (PARA) THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THIS STATEMENT AS ANOTHER EXPRESSION OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC'S EARNEST DESIRE TO END THE HOSTILITIES IN CAMBODIA AT AN EARLY DATE. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS INITIATIVE REPRESENTS A CONSTRUCTIVE STEP
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IN OPENING A SERIOUS DIALOGUE WHICH CAN LEAD TO A PEACEFUL,

INDEPENDENT AND NEUTRAL CAMBODIA. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE KHMER REPUBLIC'S OFFER WILL BE MATCHED BY THE GOODWILL OF ITS ADVERSARIES AND WILL RECEIVE SERIOUS AND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION BY INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. (PARA) THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT THE RESTORATION OF PEACE IN CAMBODIA IS A QUESTION TO BE RESOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE KHMER PARTIES THEMSELVES. THIS GOVERNMENT - AS YOU KNOW - STRONGLY SUPPORTS AN EARLY CEASE-FIRE IN CAMBODIA. RUSH UNQUOTE ROGERS

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